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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM:)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 4,992,963
U.S. Patent No. 5,546,195
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"Invited Address: White-Point Transformations And Color Data Interchange", by R.R. Buckley, P.B. Roetling, SID International Symposium Digest of Papers, Vol. 23, pgs. 560-563, May 17, 1992

"Practical Method For Appearance Match Between Soft Copy And Hard Copy", by Naoya Katoh, Proceedings of The SPIE, Vol. 2170, pgs. 170-181, February 7, 1994

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the documents cited above is provided in the European Search report.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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